(d) Commonly used effective drugs used for control of blindness anj Tra choma were recommended for Price Control under Category-I of the Diug Price Control Orde^ 1987. A Conunit tee had been set up to review the listing Of drags under Catgory-I. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-88.

Use of Rfram?icin for Control of TB and Leprosy

538. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Mmister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin is used for control of TB and leprosy:

(b) whether it is a fact that TB nnd Leprosy are covered under National Heatlh Programmes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per policy announced in December 1986 drugs needed for National Health Programmes would form category-I of price control; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry recommended for shifting Rif-ampicin for category-I to categpry-II

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (;) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee of Experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figure under category-I of drug price control order 1987 The proposal for I'e-oategorisation of Rifampicin was considered by that Committee. The Com-ₜniltee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

prugs banned by Maharashtra Government

539. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: vVill the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times' dated 3rd November 1988 under the heading 'Maharashtra bans seven drugs;

(b) if so what are the names of the drugs found to be sub-standard along with the names of manufacturers;

(c) whether any penal action has been taken against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) A news item had ap-peare'l in file 'Ecnomic Times' dated 3rd November 1988 under the heading erf Maharashtra bans seven drugs. Consequent to the Lentin Commission re-wrt the Maharashrra Government is reported not of standard quality and directs the manufacturers of these substandard drugs to stop its sale under the prugs & Cosmetic Act.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Name of Drug	Batch No.	Name of Manufacturer	Action taken
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1. Dexameth.izone Tablet IP	0109	M/s. Bekay Pharmaceuti-c-lsTalujaDistrR-iigarh Maharashtra.	Show-cause notice for snspension'cncellition of licence issued